SPORTS

by Billy Thompson

Raiderettes Win Sectional Title

The Appomattox Raiderettes won the Western Sectional girls basketball title last Saturday afternoon by beating the Cumberland District Champion Dryden, 62-56. It was the 19th win of the season for the Raiderettes of Mrs. Louise Martin against no defeats. They finished the regular season 15 - 0, Wade it 17-0 by winning the Seminole District tournament and then the two in the Sectional. They had beaten William Fleming 55 - 29 Friday night to get in the finals. It was victory number 35 in a row for the Raiderettes over a two year span.

In Friday nights game against William Fleming the Raiderettes put three players in double figures with Mary Jane Smith getting 18, Trish Book 17 and Mary Louise McCraw 11. Appomattox led 16 - 6 after a quarter, 23 - 12 at the half and upped their lead to 39 - 19 after three quarter as they started a runaway.

Mary Jane Smith led the Raiderettes rebounding with 11 and also had four steals. She got seven of her points in the first quarter as the Raiderettes outscored William Fleming 13-1 over the last five minutes of the quarter. McCraw pulled down nine missed shots and had two steals. Book led the last quarter output with eight points and she had three steals.

The Raiderettes almost doubled William Fleming in rebounds 24-13 and they came up with 11 steals and seven blocked shots. William Fleming had attempted to play slow-down in the second quarter and scored four unanswered points before the Raiderettes caught fire and still outscored them in that quarter, 7 - 6.

Theresa McLawhorn led William Fleming with nine points.

In the finals, McCraw, Book and Mary Jane Smith led the offense again scoring 53 of the Raiderettes 62 points. Smith had 22, Book 17 and McCraw 14, as each hit five field goals and the rest coming on free throws.

The free wheeling contest saw 57 fouls called and the two teams shot a total of 74 foul shots. From the floor Dryden had 21 baskets to 18 for Appomattox, but the Raiderettes made 26 of 46 free throws to 14 of 28 for the Crusaders.

All five starters for the Raiderettes had a good game as Smith, a sophomore, besides her points had 15 rebounds, three steals and a blocked shot. Book had six rebounds and three steals and McCraw had 10 rebounds, two steals and blocked a shot before fouling out late in the game. Book and McCraw are both seniors. Sue Moore and Teresa Smith, the other two starters, both seniors, were tough on defense. Moore had five steals, scored on three points, but her ball handling against the press was very good. Smith had six points, five rebounds and two blocked shots.

The Crusaders led 16 - 15 after a quarter, but Mary Jane Smith, Book and McCraw combined for 19 of the Raiderettes 21 points in the second quarter, and the defense held Dryden to 12 points and Appomattox led 36 - 28 at the half. It was 51 - 44 after three quarters, and Dryden kept fighting back in the last quarter, but never could catch up.

The Crusaders had three players in double figures as Karen Day had 14 points and 12 rebounds, Cheryl Cox 11 points and seven rebounds and Sue Olinger had 12 points. Dryden led by as much as six points in the first quarter as Day and Olinger did most of the damage.

The difference being on the foul line saw Mary Jane Smith go to the charity line and shoot 17 shots and made 12, Book was seven of 13.

SEMIFINALS

Appomattox	16	7	16	16	55
Wm. Fleming	6	6	7	10	29

Appo. Scoring - Book 17, McCraw 11, T. Smith 4, Moore 5, M. J. Smith 18.

FINALS

Appo.	15	21	15	11	62
Dryden	16	12	13	15	56

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APPOMATTOX HOME EXTENSION CLUB WILL MEET MARCH 19

The Appomattox Homemakers Extension Club will meet on Tuesday, March 19th, at 10 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Myrtle Scruggs.

Mrs. Louise Martin

Coach of the Year

Mrs. Louise Martin, coach of the Champion ACHS Raiderettes Basketball team, has for the second year in a row been named COACH OF THE YEAR in the Seminole District, Group AA by the Virginia High School League.

Mrs. Martin guided the Raiderettes to the regular season and tournament champions in the Seminole District with an undefeated 17-0 record and went on to capture, for the second consecutive year, the Western Sectional girls' basketball title by defeating Cumberland District Champions Dryden 62-56 in the finals played Saturday afternoon at Jefferson-Forest High School gym. This win concluded a 19-0 record for the season for the Raiderettes and their 35th straight victory that extends back to December of 1972.

In 15 years of coaching at Appomattox, Mrs. Martin's teams have completed a composite record of 175 wins and 49 losses.

"It takes a lot of people to make a Championship Team!" said Mrs. Martin as she expressed her sincere thanks to School Administrators, the student body, parents, fans and to Miss Mary Libby Tolley who has assisted her in coaching, for their fine support in helping make the Raiderettes a Championship Team.

A program on "Decorating With A Flair" will be given by Mrs. Thelma Martin and Mrs. Shirley Walton.

Hostesses for the meeting will be Mrs. Myrtle Scruggs, Mrs. Bet Reynolds, and Miss Marguariette Gilliam.

Mary Louise McCraw

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Mary Louise McCraw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt L. McCraw of Appomattox, was the top vote-getter on the Seminole District All-Star Team and was named PLAYER OF THE YEAR in the district, Group AA for the 1973-74 basketball season by the Virginia High School League. Mary Louise was named to the Seminole District All-Star Team in her Sophomore, Junior and Senior years and this is the second year she has been named PLAYER OF THE YEAR.

The senior forward and one of the Raiderette Tri-Captains has played Varsity basketball for four years on the Appomattox County High School Raiderette team. She was the second leading scorer for her team, averaging 14 points per game, and one of the teams leading rebounders. Her quickness in rebounding and ball handling has given her the name of "Quick-draw McCraw."

Mary Louise also plays Varsity Volleyball and Softball.

She plans to enter Longwood College, Farmville next fall and plans a major in Physical Education.

Jordan

Junior Choir Rehearsal, Monday night at 6 p.m. Please be on time.

Mr. Daniel Womack will be at the Jordan Baptist Church on the 3rd Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

On the 4th Sunday in March at 7 p.m. the Gospel Harmonettes will be celebrating their 2nd Anniversary. Groups appearing on this program will be the Starlight Singers, The Jordanaires, the Harps of Zion, the S. C. Terry Community Male Chorus, the Echoes of Joy, The Gladstone Gospelettes, the Near the Cross Singers, The Gospel Entertainers, and also the Community Singers will be with us. We would like to see our friends that night.

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Raiderettes Place Three On All-District Team

Seminole District champion Raiderettes placed three players on the girls All-Star Team for the 1973-74 basketball season.

The top vote-getter and PLAYER OF THE YEAR Mary Louise McCraw, left above, was named to the first team; Maryjane Smith, a sophomore at ACHS, right above, was the only underclassman named to the first team; and senior guard Trish Book, center above, was named to the second team.

The Raiderettes ended their season with a perfect 19-0 record, capturing the Seminole District championship and the Western Sectional title for girls.

FFA-FHA To Sponsor Volleyball Tournament

The FFA-FHA Chapters will sponsor a Volleyball tournament on Friday, March 15th, at the Appomattox Intermediate School gym beginning at 7 p.m.

Admission will be 35c. Come on out for an evening of fun and family recreation.

Raiderette Tri-Captains

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Mary Louise and Trish are shown holding the ball presented the team - one for the Seminole Championship and one for the Western Sectional title. Tessie is holding the 1973-74 Sectional trophy. All three were presented by the Virginia High School League.

All three of these girls are seniors this year and will be missed on the team next season.

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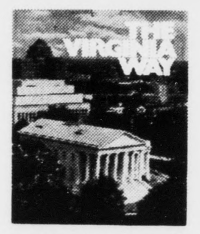

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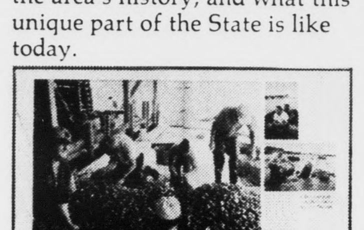

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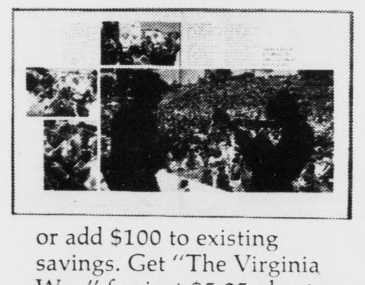

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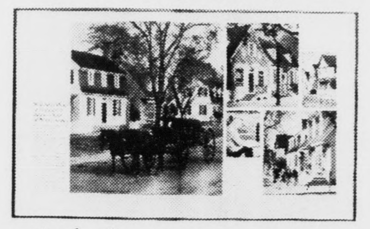

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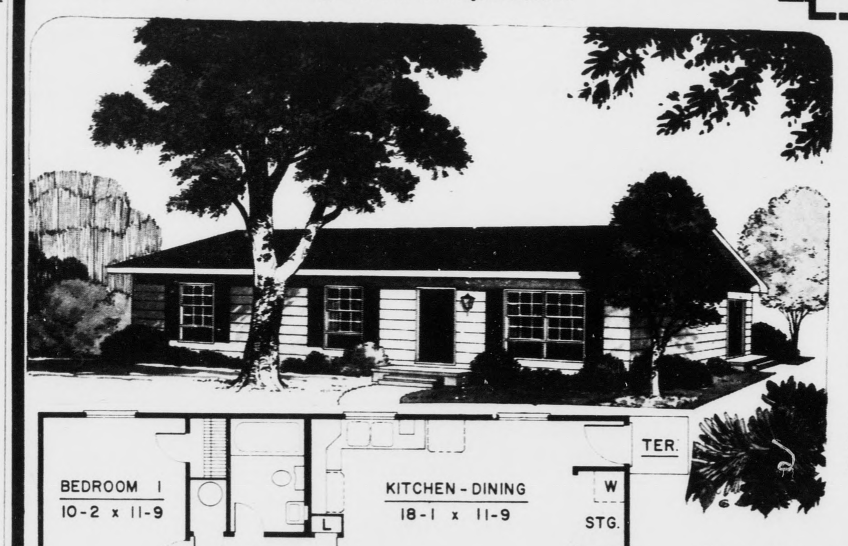

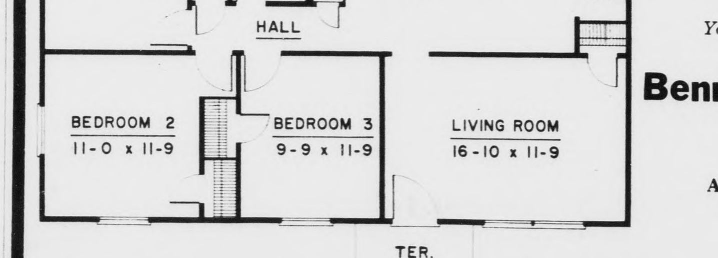

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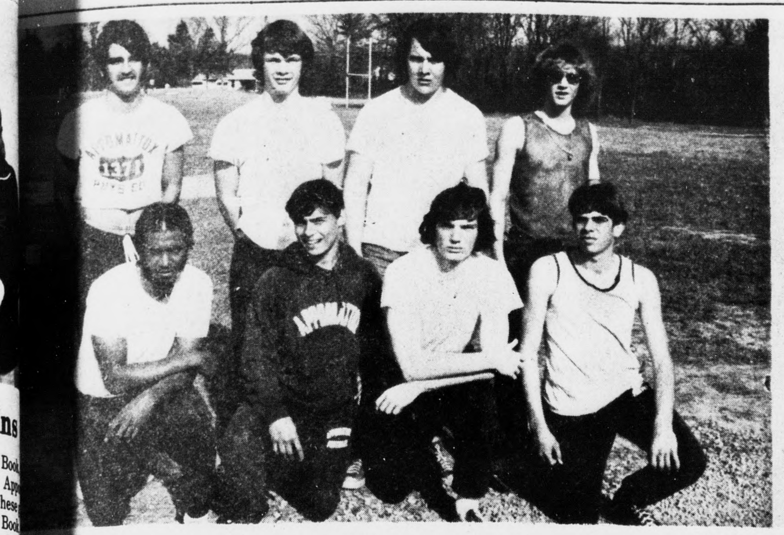

APPOMATTOX COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL TRACK TEAM FOR 1974 is shown in the photo above. Members of the Raider track team are, front row, left to right, James Reed, Co-Captain; Gordon Ford; Ricky Wingfield; and Richard Ferguson; and on the back row, left to right, are Ricky Simmons; David Baxter; James Hunter; and Al Sears, Co-Captain.

HAPPINESS IS . . . WINNING THE WHOLE THING, and that is just what the Raiderettes basketball team did again this season, going with a 19-0 season record and continuing a 35 game winning streak.

Mr. Paul Brewer, left above, Principal at Brookville High School and Chairman of Seminole District Council, is shown presenting trophy and game ball to the Seminole District, Group AA tournament champions for 73-74 from the Virginia High School League.

Tri-Captains Tessie Smith, Mary Louise McCraw and Trish Book, looking delighted and delightful, are accepting the trophy and basketball on behalf on their team.

Mark Eggleston Named To All Star Team

Mark Eggleston, Co-captain of the Appomattox County High School Raider Basketball team, has been named to the first team of the Seminole District All-Star Team.

Mark, a senior forward, has played Varsity basketball for the past three years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Eggleston of Appomattox.

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Miss Black Teenage Pageant

Danville, Va.: Pagenants Unlimited Inc., the non-profit producing organization of the Miss Black Teenage World of Virginia Pageant announced that the State Finals would be staged in the auditorium of the Virginia College in Lynchburg. Earlier the organization had announced that representatives from some 40 cities and counties would compete for the title and the right to represent Virginia in the World Finals.

The State Pageant will be held in Lynchburg, June 16th thru the 22nd.

The Pageant schedule calls for the State Preliminaries on Thursday, June 20th and Friday June 21st with all contestants competing in Sportswear, Talent and Eveningwear - Projection.

Ronald Charity, President of PUI also announced that Edith Smith, manager of The Petersburg School of Charm and Project Coordinator of Special Education, Virginia State College, will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies for the Pageant. Mrs. Smith also serves as Charm and Modeling consultant for Pageants Unlimited. She is a graduate of the Barbarizon School of Modeling. Prizes and trophies will be awarded all contestants. The Pageant is open to teenagers 15 to 17 years old.

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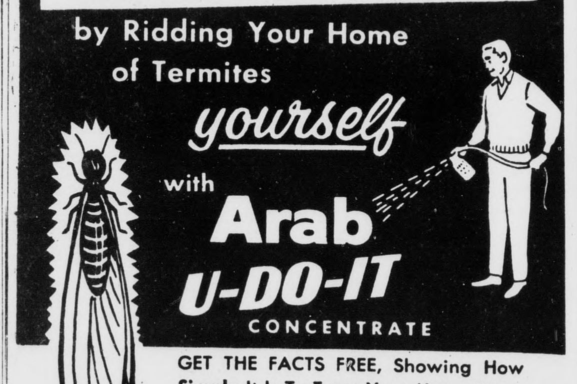

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Daniel Reports

By W. C. (Dan) Daniel
Virginia Fifth District Congressman

WASHINGTON - Our mail has been heavy lately on the subject of the Voter Registration Act, commonly identified as the Postcard Registration Bill. Any day now, this measure will be before the House. That a problem exists insofar as election-day turnout by the voters is concerned, no one will deny. That this bill represents a solution is a misrepresentation and a delusion.

The stated purpose of this bill is "to encourage increased voter participation in the electoral process by facilitating the mode of voter registration." This is an admirable goal, but take a look at some of the problems this bill can create.

To start with, implementation will require the establishment of yet another bureaucracy, the Voter Registration Administration, to be located in the General Accounting Office. The VRA will have to deal with 50 state agencies, and because of requirements imposed would also exercise some degree of control in the more than 7,000 cities counties and other units of local government whichincorporate 173,000 precincts. Someone has estimated that the post office would have to mail out and state and local officials would have to process the equivalent of 500 stacks of postcards equal to the height of the Washington Monument!

One of the first problems which local registrars will face is the possible inability to decipher names and addresses. Previous experience with postcard registration and address changes in Los Angeles, Philadelphia, and the States of Washington, Hawaii and Montana indicate that from one-tenth to one-third of the postcards returned to state and local officials will be returned either illegible or incomplete. If this seems hard to believe, think back to last year's Christmas cards and the signatures which created some puzzlement.

Another problem could arise because of duplicate registration. Take the mythical case of William Edward Smith, who lives on a rural route. Perhaps he is registered already, as William E. Smith, but the postcard is sent to W. E. Smith and returned by him signed in that manner. He is now registered twice, and liable for prosecution for fraud. Perhaps his son lives with him, and has been given his father's name but prefers to call himself W. Edward Smith, or Bill Smith. He may lose out altogether. Additionally, there may be more than one family with a W. E. Smith on that rural route. It is not a problem in our District, but the City of Minneapolis contains high-rise apartments with literally dozens of "Carl Andersons" in the same building.

Then there is the matter of inadequacy of mail addresses. There is absolutely no way to identify voting precinct by mailing address. Not only would the registrar have no way of knowing the precinct in which to assign the voter; the voter would not know where he should vote.

Unintentional voter disqualification is another likelihood. A voter properly registered under the postcard system for federal elections would not necessarily be registered under the state system. He or she might well qualify to vote in one, but not the other. Equally likely is the accidental omission or removal of one who is illiterate. In the first place, when the postcard registration form is received, how is this person going to know what it is? And another difficulty is built in: such registration must be notarized, and it is not always easy to locate a notary.

Finally, there is the opportunity for fraud. When the bill was debated in the Senate, it was described as "a bill to encourage and proliferate fraud and steal elections throughout the United States... I cannot imagine a proposal that provides for a more efficacious way to practice fraud and steal elections than this bill..."

The big difficulty with this bill, however, is that it offers no solution whatsoever to the real problem - voter apathy. A poll conducted in December found that 38 per cent of the people not voting gave as their reason "failure to register." A Bureau of Census study of the same election found that those who failed to register gave the following reasons: 11 percent were aliens; 6 percent did not meet residency requirements; 8 percent disliked politics; 15 percent gave miscellaneous reasons. The two significant categories for our purpose are these: Difficulty in registering--13 percent; not interested--43 percent. If you take these two polls together, the number prevented from voting because of registration problems was 13 percent of 38 percent, or 4.94 percent. Should we really throw the entire electoral process into chaos and open it up for wholesale abuse for the less-than-five-percent, when the greatest percentage of non-voters by far attribute it to disinterest?

To my mind, the fact that nearly half the people who did not vote in 1972 simply did not care is more disturbing. I suspect the reason so many elected officials choose to concentrate on registration problems can be laid to the fact that they are aware voter apathy springs largely from disillusionment with politicians who promise beyond their ability to deliver. It is easier to view with alarm a situation which can be blamed on local and state election officials than to admit that their own performance has brought the profession to such low esteem. It brings to mind an old saying: "When the hound is chasing the rabbits, the fox has the run of the farm."

Representative democracy can succeed only if the electorate participates fully. when the candidates get their own houses in order, the voters will respond, and with enthusiasm. Until they do, no scheme devised by man will bring people to the polls.

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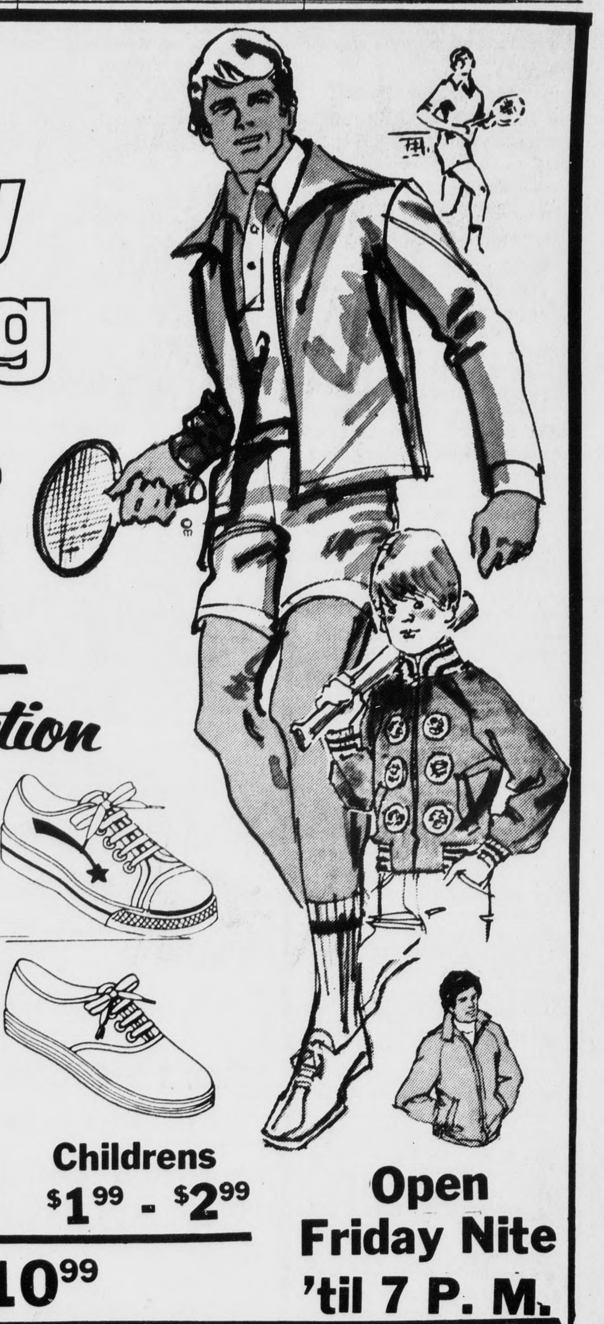

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